4. Economic and Statistical Adviser, Dte. of Eco. & Stat. Deptt. of Agri. & Co-operation, New Delhi. — Member

5. Director, Dte. of Jute Development, Calcutta. — Member

6. Industrial Adviser, Office of the Jute Commissioner, Calcutta. — Member-Secretary

Growers :

7-14 One member from each of the following jute/mesta growing States of Assam, Bihar, Meghalaya, Orissa, Tripura, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh to be nominated by the concerned State Government.

Industry :

15. Chairman, Indian Jute Mills Association, Calcutta. — Member

16. Chairman-cum-Managing Director, National Jute Manufactures Corporation, Calcutta. — Member

Trade :

17. President, Calcutta Jute Fabrics Shippers Assocn., Calcutta. — Member

18. President, Jute Balers' Association, Calcutta. — Member

19. Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Jute Corporation of India, Calcutta. — Member

20. Director, Indian Jute Industries Research Association, Calcutta. — Member

21. Director, Jute Agricultural Research Institute, Barrackpore. — Member

State Governments :

22-29 One Official member from each of the Eight major Jute/Mesta growing States of Assam, Bihar, Meghalaya, Orissa, Tripura, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh to be nominated by the concerned State Government.

Increase in External Debt

264. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that country's external debt is increasing at a very fast rate; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) and (b) The country's external debt has tended to increase over the past decade. The external debt outstanding of the country is estimated to be about Rs. 54408 crores and Rs. 68831 crores as on 31-3-1988 and 31-3-1989 respectively at the exchange rates prevailing a the corresponding time.